



Sharing Our Faith

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

3080 Okatie Highway, between the back gates of Sun City on Hwy 170

"Praising and Serving God Thru the Ages"

Worship times: 8:30 & 10:30 AM (5th Sundays 9:15 AM)

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During this season of Lent, what are you giving or have given up to strengthen or grow your relationship with the Master? Have you focused on the trivial, the easy, the mundane things in life just to say that you are practicing or participating in this ritual of giving up? I know that many do not understand what this season really and truly means for those who truly believe. You can find me making jest as I allude to people starting their 40-day diet. This is done to draw our attention to the seriousness of what this time really and truly means.

If we look at John 19:30 we will find these words: ³⁰ ... Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." (NIV)

When we realize that Jesus gave his everything for us to bring us back into a right relationship with the father, Lent should be seen as a vehicle to which we can use to show that his labor was not in vain. When we truly embrace the idea of giving up that one thing that we truly love above all else, that one thing that receives the most of our time and begin to dedicate or focus that time with the Master we will begin to strengthen our relationship with God and God will begin to show us greater things, use us in a more powerful way.

When Christ uttered those three final words, he was telling the Father that his earthly work was finished, that he had showed the people all that they needed to see and taught them what they needed to know and now the onus was on us to follow in the path that leads to eternal life. His final three words could be interpreted as Father I have led by example, I have talked the talk and walked the walk, I have gone as far as to shed my blood by laying down my life for them. All of these things I have done here, on earth, before them. It is up to them now. If they should stumble and fall, I will still be there to pick them up, but only when they ask.

It Is Finished!!! These words should be our motto, noting that we are good and tired of the lies, the deceit, the oppressive nature, the short sightedness of our elected officials. It Is Finished! Should ring out as we are tired of how our women are losing their rights right before our eyes. It Is Finished! Should ring out as the gap widens between the haves and the have-nots. It Is Finished! Should be our cry when our young are no longer gracing the doors of God's house because those on the inside don't want to give them a voice in what they need to be able to experience God. It Is Finished! Is what needs to be said when we cannot work together or get along when it comes to making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It Is Finished! Needs to be said when we continue to find ways to put other needs for self before our need for God.

Christ died upon that Cross and with his last breath he said, "IT IS FINISHED." My brothers and sisters, there is nothing more important in your life than growing closer to God and Loving each other the way that God loves you.

During this month, think about what you need to let go of in order to grow and strengthen your relationship with God.

Remember, God loves you and so do I and no one or nothing can stop it.

Rev. Christopher L. Thompson, D.Min

What are you doing for Lent?

Our pastor has said many times that we should not make Lent a Forty Day Diet. Then what should we give up? I saw this on the internet and thought this was very thought provoking and would be a great idea.



Give up complaining	focus on gratitude!
Give up pessimism	become an optimist!
Give up harsh judgements	think kindly thoughts!
Give up worry	trust Devine Providence
Give up discouragement	be full of hope.
Give up bitterness	turn to forgiveness!
Give up hatred	return good for evil!
Give up negativism	be positive.
Give up anger	be more positive.
Give up pettiness	become mature!
Give up gloom	enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
Give up jealousy	pray for trust!
Give up gossiping	control your tongue!
Give up sin	turn to virtue!
Give up giving up	Hang in there!

Or instead of just giving up for Lent, how about some positive actions to improve your relationship with God. Become more involved in His church. Become a Gospel reader, become an Usher. Join a fellowship team, help with the coffee and treats between services. Go out of your way to introduce yourself to and welcome our newest members and visitors. Join a committee. We have Worship, Outreach, Advertising and Communications, Trustees, Finance, PPRC. Come to a Council meeting to learn about the committees and their goals and responsibilities. There are also Nurturing, Stewardship and various endowment committees. Like to sing or play an instrument and you may find our Music program a wonderful way to worship.

It is not too late to start. Lent continues through all of March. Improving your relationship with Our Father and His Son, Jesus should be a Lenten goal. Read the Bible more. Remember Lent is all about Love.

Will Ross, Lay Leader

**Daylight
Saving Time**

Spring ahead one hour before
going to bed Saturday night.

March 10, 2024



WORSHIP



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Holy Week Services

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Cantata and Palm Distribution

One Service – 9:15 AM

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

Tenebrae Service

Sanctuary – 7:00 PM

Thursday March 28

Maundy Thursday

Christ's Last Supper

Hand washing & Communion

Fellowship Hall – 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

One Service – 9:15 AM

*Nancy Sariscak
Worship Committee Chair
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Communications and Advertisements



The Communications and Advertising Committee has been working, but still needs help. We have been sending about forty letters of introduction and invitation to the Newcomers of Sun City each month. For any activity that we wish to invite the community from outside St. Luke's we have been getting placards placed in storefront windows. Both Cynthia and Rebecca have been developing wonderful graphics and posting them on Facebook. Whenever they do, we are actively "Liking," and "Sharing" to our friends, feeds, and groups that we belong to. Visit the St Luke's our Facebook page and be sure to Like and Share.

We have posted placards for the Craft Show and Music Events. We want to start a list of places (Storefront Windows) in which we can place placards. I have asked before, and now I am asking again. During your travels in the area, make a note of any places that you see ANYONE'S advertising placard. I know that the Sun City Theater has them out in many locations. Let me or Will know where you see them. With a good list placement is easy. We are looking for fifty nearby locations.

The majority of our advertising will be Music and Outreach Events. Pancake breakfasts, Spaghetti Dinners, Craft shows, Bake sales, Karaoke and movie nights, Music in the park and many more. Help us show the area all the great activities we enjoy.

Effective March 1st, we are advertising our Church in the Playbills for the Sun City Theater. When you go to one of their plays you will find us in the Playbill and projected on the screen of advertisers that runs before each show. There are plenty of Doctors and Dentists, but we are the ONLY Church. Four plays times four shows times five hundred seats is a lot of exposure. And they are right next door.

Please send me those storefront locations. Send me any advertising ideas. Can we send invitation and introduction letters in your community? Join our team to stuff envelopes. Good with graphics, we want you. Send to patschwartz4124@gmail.com or 843.368.9545

Pat Schwartz



Mark your calendars for these Upcoming events!! (Subject to change)

- March 2 — Build-a-Sundae and Bingo, 6:00 PM
- March 24 — Palm Sunday — Spring Cantata — **One service at 9:15 AM**
- March 28 — Maundy Thursday Service with communion at 7:00 PM—light snack of fruit & nuts
- March 29—Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM
- March 31 — Easter Sunday — **One service at 9:15 AM**
- April 20 — Pancake Breakfast, 9:00 -11:-00 AM—Adults \$15, children under 6, free

Reminder: Second worship service is now at 10:30 AM



Tips

Remember: All that we have was given by God. You are the Steward (caretaker) of all of those gifts.

20% is the conventional tip for good service. Tip on tax or not? This is twice what you may tithe.

10% is the acceptable tithe. Before or after tax? Why is it less than a restaurant server?

TIP: You can automatically give either through your bank or the church website using the Vanco application.

TIP: there are tax advantages to giving directly from your IRA account. Ask me.

Robert Clark: Stewardship Chair: rclark55@sc.rr.com



UMCOR SUNDAY

TOGETHER OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways

YOUR DONATION CHANGES THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME
GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH:
Make checks payable to your local church or donate online via credit/debit card at ResourceUMC.org/SSGive

TO GIVE ONLINE SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church™

We will observe another “**Special Sunday**” offering (UMCOR Sunday) on **March 10, 2024**. For more than 80 years, United Methodists have ensured that resources from the United Methodist Committee on Relief are available in times of crisis. UMCOR Sunday donations cover UMCOR’s operation costs, so that 100% of donations received in response to emergency appeals go directly to communities in need. If making a donation by cash, please use the special envelope provided in your bulletin, Please include your name if you would like to have this donation on your yearly giving statement. Checks may be made payable to St. Luke’s UMC with “UMCOR Sunday” on the memo line.

UMCOR SUNDAY

TOGETHER OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit UMC.org/yourimpact

HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT UMCOR?

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**, we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering underwrites UMCOR’s “costs of doing business,” allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that **100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.**

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Thank You!



Recently St. Luke's has received several "thank yous" from organizations and individuals we support. Hopefully, you had the chance to read the heart-felt thank you note posted on the sanctuary bulletin board from one of the parents we provided for through our Five Families program. Last month, it took three volunteers from Bluffton Self Help to unload Lois Willig's packed car with your first Sunday donations that included ramen noodles, diapers, wipes, and toilet paper! They are incredibly grateful and always comment about the consistent and generous nature of St. Luke's. Pritchardville Elementary also wanted to be sure we realize how thankful they are that we were able to step in immediately at the return after the holiday break with snacks and with our continuing support of their students in need.

So many families in our community are struggling, and your donations and service make a difference! Listed below are several ways you can help this month, along with the information about our new meal program for Family Promise.

We invite anyone interested in helping plan and implement St. Luke's mission's program to join us at our next Missions Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 6, at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Elizabeth Vance & Linda Fisher, Missions Co-Chairs

Bluffton Self Help – First Sunday Mission/Food Drive – March 3

Please drop off your donations with Lois Willig in the parking lot following each service on March 3. If you miss Lois or have items to donate later in the month, you can place them in the designated basket in the Fellowship Hall. This month, along with the most-requested items, they are focusing on heart-healthy foods:

Whole Grain Cereals

Canned fruit in lite syrup

Whole grain pastas

Pasta sauce

Peanut butter & jelly

Toilet paper

Whole grain granola bars

Low sodium hearty soups/broths

Whole grain rice pouches

Dried Beans

Boxed or bagged dinner helpers

Diapers (sizes 3, 4T, 5T, 6 & 7)

No expired, damaged, or opened items can be accepted.



Pritchardville Elementary School Support

Help us provide for their students in need by donating healthy snacks, such as Belvita, granola bars, Goldfish crackers, or pretzels. Due to allergies, please No snacks with NUTS. **They also need small, refillable water bottles for student desktops.** You can place your donations in the marked bin in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Lois Willig at willigwp@hotmail.com.



Coffee & Chat—Although previously announced, please note that Coffee & Chat is taking a pause and **will not be held in March**



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We are excited to announce the details about St. Luke’s involvement with Family Promise. This organization puts Jasper and Beaufort County homeless children and their parents into temporary housing, and then supports them as they transition into permanent housing and independence. Parents in this program work and attend classes on parenting and budgeting. Currently, Family Promise is housing three families, all with school-age children, in a local extended-stay hotel. With a cooktop and microwave and no oven, cooking nutritious dinners can be challenging. So local churches help by providing hot or easily microwaved dinners on weekdays.

We have committed for St. Luke’s to provide two or three dinners per month, and we hope you will want to participate! There are two ways you can help – by donating food or helping assemble and deliver the meals.

Beginning on **Sunday, March 3**, two sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the sanctuary with all the components we will need to provide twelve dinners (4 for each family) on both **Tuesday, March 26, and Thursday, March 28**. You can help by cooking a casserole or donating other items needed to complete the meals. The item(s) you are donating would need to be delivered to our Fellowship Hall on either Tuesday or Thursday by 9:00 AM. You can also sign up to help assemble the meals in the Fellowship Hall, which should take an hour or less. Once assembled, we will deliver them to the Family Promise Office in Bluffton.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Fisher at 770.355.9158 or dlfisher4@hotmail.com



Blanket Ministry — Everyone is welcome to help make no-sew blankets. After our meeting in March, the Blanket Ministry will then take a break for a few months. We have many blankets ready to give to friends, relatives, and neighbors who you think would benefit from a cozy gift from our church. Just ask someone on the Missions Committee if you would like to give a blanket to someone who needs one. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Smith at kishhi1947@gmail.com.

Agape Family Life Center, 5855 Okatie Hwy, Hardeeville – **Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00-noon**. Help hand out fresh food donated by local grocery stores to families and seniors in need. No heavy lifting is required, and no advance sign-up needed. This is a wonderful way to meet the people we are helping as well as the other dedicated volunteers at Agape. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Richards at lesliarichards@gmail.com.



If you are going through an illness or another crisis and could use some support, please let us know. Marie Baldauf leads this ministry that can help by providing meals and caring phone calls. Please contact Marie at baldaufmarie@gmail.com or 843.705.2210 if you need support or would like to help in this ministry.



HISTORY HAPPENINGS

With deep gratitude for the past and unwavering faith for the future, we celebrate two hundred years of God's grace and guidance at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Two centuries of faith, service, and community is a testament to the enduring power of God's love at St. Luke's. As we celebrate our church's bicentennial, it's important to remember that we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. We are inspired by their legacy and called to carry the torch forward. My prayer is that this bicentennial celebration year be a time of reflection, renewal, and recommitment to the values that have sustained us through two hundred years of worship and service.

A church's bicentennial celebration serves several important purposes:

1. **Historical Reflection:** offers an opportunity for us to reflect on the St. Luke's history, growth, and impact over the past two hundred years. This can help create a sense of continuity and tradition among members.
2. **Gratitude and Thanksgiving:** The celebration allows us to express gratitude for the faith, dedication, and service of past generations who have contributed to the church's legacy.
3. **Community Building:** Bicentennial celebrations can bring current and former members, as well as the broader community, together in fellowship and celebration. This can help strengthen relationships and a sense of belonging among attendees.
4. **Renewal and Vision:** It is a chance to recommit to the values and mission of St. Luke's and to set a vision for the future. This can inspire current members and lay a foundation for continued growth and service.
5. **Outreach and Evangelism:** The celebration can also be an opportunity to reach out to the surrounding community, inviting new members to learn about St. Luke's history, values, and activities.

In short, a bicentennial celebration is a significant milestone that can enrich the spiritual life of a congregation, foster unity and gratitude, and provide a platform for envisioning the future of the church.

A successful bicentennial celebration requires "all hands on deck". Each of us has a role to play. As you examine the tentative major events and dates that Pastor Chris and the steering committee have been working on, please consider how you can help.

Although not all plans for our Bicentennial Year are finalized, five major events are being planned:

April 27 Bicentennial Celebration Kickoff

Music on the Portico. 2:00-4:30 PM

Church and Graveyard Tours

Light refreshments and displays (history, ministries, committees, book of newsletters)

History Scrapbook of old photos, newspapers articles, etc.

HISTORY HAPPENINGS ...cont'd

May 18 Black and White Ball

Classic Jazz with The Carolina Girls
Heavy hors d'oeuvres and Beverages
Silent Auction (proceeds will go to our music ministry)

June 2 or 9 Date: TBA

Rededication Service

August 17 Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Time: TBA
Church and Graveyard Tours
Displays in the Fellowship Hall

September Sundays 1, 8, 15, 22

Time: 9:15 AM

Guest Ministers (TBA)

Reception in the Fellowship Hall

September 28 Final Major Event

1:00 PM Guests pick up name tags and sign the guest book

Displays
Fellowship Time and Light Snacks
Church and Graveyard Tours
Souvenirs for sale: Collage Mugs
Shell Ornaments
T-shirts

Free Souvenir Bicentennial Memory Book

2:00-5:00 PM Annual Music on the Grounds

Music — Carolina Girls
Other bands (TBA)

Vendors (TBA)

Food

5:00 PM Birthday Cake and Sparklers

September 29 Fifth Sunday Service and Potluck

There is much to do. We will put up sign-up sheets for each event (set-up, clean-up, servers, decorations, food, etc.) Please help "spread the word" with your friends and family. If we all work together this bicentennial year will be FABULOUS!

If you have suggestions or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Smith, Mary Cale, or me.

*Pam Hoel,
Church Historian*

St. Luke's Music Ministries

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are early this year. Please mark your calendar for Palm Sunday on March 24th and Easter Sunday on March 31st.

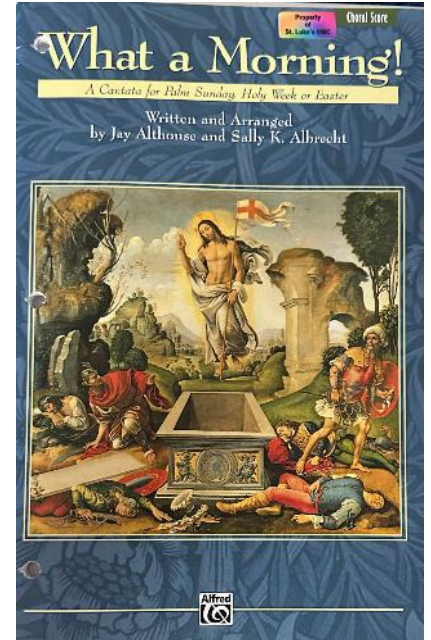
Our St. Luke's Chancel Choir will be presenting a beautiful Cantata on March 24th that will include waving palms, robes, congregational interaction and especially beautiful music.

We know Christ's death and resurrection are the basis for our Christian Faith and reenacting it with scripture, special music and guest musicians is a meaningful way to reinforce and appreciate our Christian Faith.

So, invite your friends and neighbors to join us March 24th at 9:15 AM as our choir presents this year's passion musical, "What a Morning!"

We will also have a special Easter Celebration, March 31st at 9:15 AM "Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!"

More information will follow. We look forward to having you join our praise and worship for these special services.



*God's Peace and Joy,
Rebecca Biethman
Music Director*



Sunday School will be in session on the following days: March 3, March 17, April 14, April 28, May 12 and May 26. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall during the second service. If you have grandchildren or friends with children visiting during those days, please bring them. We would love to have them listen and learn about Jesus. Right now, we are studying the Parables. Talk to Kathy Smith if you have any questions.

Feb 25th, St. Luke's at Canterfield



Resident "Bill" pictured above sang a solo of *Amazing Grace*. He has a nice singing voice!
He mentioned that he will have his 99th birthday at the end of March.

Trustees

The Trustees have been very busy getting things done. The portico roof has been secured, the columns have been replaced with new wood and support under the porch. The water seepage has been taken care of. These were major projects and there is still more to be done. We are waiting to see if a requested grant comes through from the Historical Society to help us finish repairing our list of other items, i.e. windows, etc.

Following are items that are on the trustee agenda in the coming months:

- Protect the church – the first step has been completed. We need to finish the rest by July
- Bridge walkway – We have been working on replacing some of the boards
- Well pump – Remove old pump & replace – hope to be done by end of June
- Leveling and cleaning headstones – we will be asking people to help and hope to have this project done by the end of June
- We hope to add flowers in entrance to parking – After the pump is replaced, we will be able to get water & electric out to that area
- Pavilion – The gables need to be finished

We have become aware that there are a few cemetery lots available **for members only** in the front cemetery. The Trustees will be installing memorial benches along the walk from the fellowship hall to the church. These benches will be reserved **for members only** and can be used to place ashes of loved ones inside. If you are interested in these lots or benches, please contact Jack Reed.

Cabinets for Storage: For several months, we have been discussing and receiving bids for cabinets, in order for the various committees to have a place to store their items in the Fellowship Hall. At our last meeting, we accepted the bid from Oliver Kitchen & Bath, which was the lowest bid. It will be 4-6 weeks before they are delivered.

The alligator sign has been put back in place. Every time our lawn crew (Miguel) uses the weed eater around the pond, the gator appears, and he has to fight him off using the weed eater. And now, we also have turtles in the pond.



Photos taken Feb. 21 & 25, 2024

Jack Reed, Trustee Chair

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A **LOOK** BACK AT FEBRUARY

Feb 4th, we were surprised by a visit from Jane & Paul Brunelle (members from long ago). Great seeing them!



Alan Jordan joined St. Luke's on February 11, 2024. He transferred his membership from St. Paul's UMC in Wilmington DE.



Chris Hauck, Will Ross, Alan Jordan, Pastor Chris

February 11, 2024 after the worship service, we enjoyed a "Souperbowl" luncheon catered by our Worship Committee. There were 10 soups to choose from and we were served by the committee members. It was a great & delicious event!!



February 17, 2024—The Ladies of the church were treated to a wonderful "Tea Party" hosted by Janet Jacoby who decorated the tables and made the delicious tea sandwiches & savory desserts. We wore our "hats, gloves and brought our special tea cups".

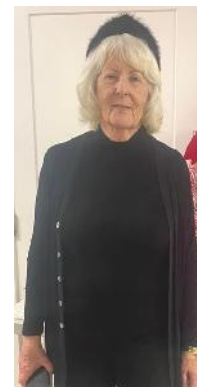


MORE FROM FEBRUARY...



Best Hat—Rebecca Biethman

Prettiest Cup—Peggy Firtion



Prayer Blanket Ministry—February 26, 2024



Nurses Ceremony honoring Sherry Clark at her Celebration of Life

It was a very moving ceremony.



**Nurses Honor Guard
of
South Carolina**

The Nurses Honor Guard pays tribute to nurses at the time of their death by performing the Nightingale Tribute and Final Call To Duty at the funeral or memorial service of fellow-nurses. There is no cost to the family

The service is similar to a military tribute and officially releases the nurse from their nursing duties. Active and retired nurses volunteer their time to travel to the service of fellow nurses. It is a privilege for the members to recognize nurses and help bring peace to mourners during their time of loss.

To request our services:
www.NursesHonorGuard.com
NursesHonorGuardSC@gmail.com
 or call

- Upstate *Stormy Shealy, RN 864-784-7309*
- Midlands *Kerry Glasser, RN 803-743-7895*
- Pee Dee: *Rachel Stacey, RN 843-861-2337*
- Grand Strand *Beth Edwards, RN 843-385-7944*
- Charleston *Lynne Malden, RN 843-300-9218*
- Beaufort *Lisa Terwilliger, RN 843-986-7017*



Nurses Honor Guard will:

- * Attend all services wearing the traditional white uniform, cap and cape
- * Stand guard at the casket during the services
- * Perform the Nightingale Tribute
- * Present the Florence Nightingale lamp to the family
- * Place a white rose on the casket, which signifies the deceased nurse's dedication to their profession
- * Perform Final Call To Duty

We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to:
Nurses Honor Guard of South Carolina
 124 Debbie Drive,
 Pendleton, SC 29670

For more information or if you are a nurse wanting to join, visit our website at:
www.NursesHonorGuard.com

Prayer Requests

You will notice that the list no longer includes the reason for prayer, due to HIPPA regulations. Please email Amy Erickson, amyhousererickson@gmail.com with any prayer requests you may have. If you have loved ones who have been blessed by recovery, peace or grace and may be removed from the list, please provide that information to Amy as well.

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan Myree Flanagan Jack Reed
Joe & Fran Iacovo Andy Makarick Chuck Watts
Leslie Richards Linda Jackson Bill Trainer

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Bryan, nephew of Lois Finch
Andrea June, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Mark Gowizer, colleague of Pastor Chris
Steve Carlson, friend of Sherri Prosser
Karen Williamson, friend of Linda Fisher
Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
Jamie, daughter of Pam Hoel
Allison Carpenter daughter of Bernie Oreka's cousin
Kathy Visconte, friend of Jane Tiffany
Becky Owen, friend of Jane Tiffany
John Harper, son of J. W. Harper
Jack and Barbara, friends of Janet Jacoby
Bonnie Fogerty, friend of Will Ross
Ron Kramer, friend of Nancy and John Sariscak
Bill Kirkley, friend of Ouida Dell
Child of Joe Bremmer (who worked on Fellowship Hall renovations)
Joe, husband of Lynn Cutshall
Karen Wilson, sister of Bill Halstead
Diane Perdue
Beverly Byrd
Peter Foster
Ethel Johnson, sister of Archie Vance
Brad, friend of Laurie Oreka's daughter
Travel mercies for Mariah Fair
Lynette Hassinger, sister of Leslie Richards
Barbara Perdue, aunt of Sherri Prosser
Holly, daughter of Harriet McCauley
Eunice Rowell, friend of Elizabeth Vance
Ann, sister of Margo Cservek's mother
Denise Landin, daughter-in-law of Judi Landin
Julian and Indie Parks, parents of Linda Batten
Jean Watt, friend of Lois Finch
Monica Dodson, friend of Sherri Prosser
Ann, friend of Sherri Prosser
Michael and Laura Mons (staying the trailer park in the pavilion and the people in Cuba
Tina Blount, friend of Diana Hamilton
Michael, son of Sheryll Ingram's neighbor
Timmy Deemer, cousin of Jane Tiffany
Jim, cousin of Kathy Smith
Paulette, sister-in-law of Nancy Sariscak
The Reed family

THANKS AND PRAISES

Rob Clark gave praise for his church family being there for him during his time of need.

Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to Rob Clark and family on the passing of his wife, Sherry on February 10, 2024.



Dear St. Luke's Family,
Our family felt your love through your hugs, prayers, and cards following the passing of my dear sister, Sherry Clark. Norm, Kelly, Nathaniel and I want to thank all the people that made her Celebration of Life service so special. There were so many highlights, and it culminated with the Nurses Honor Guard tribute. We appreciate all the ways that Sherry was honored. Thanks also for the wonderful food and fellowship that was enjoyed following the service.

Peace be with you,
Shirley Stark

Let us remember with cards, and prayers...

CHURCH MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING OR HOMEBOUND

Ruth Dolan,
Summer Breeze
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Savannah GA 31410

Elnora Ekholm, 173 May River Rd.,
Bluffton SC 29910

June Hamilton, 4 Concession Oak Dr.,
Bluffton SC 29909

Joe Iacovo, 37 Carnation Rd, Bluffton SC 29909

Jane and Jerry Wick, 740 Middletrail Court,
Mt. Airy MD 21771



Judy & Chuck Watts
309 Connelly Court
Franklin TN 37064



Happy Birthday!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02—Amy Erickson
06—John Sariscak
07—Linda Jackson
08—Ellie Antoine
15—George Batten
16—Rich Schaltegger
23—Sandy Lowry
31—Janet Jacoby

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

09—Lynne Clements
11—Vern Conway
11—Bryan Metzger
12—Charlene King
24—Allyn Perdue
26—Norm Coates
26—Christopher Thompson, Jr.
28—Karen Davis
30—Judy Watts

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

22—Mikki & Jeff Rolain

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

05—Karen & M.T. Davis
14—Rebecca & Rick Biethman
26—Kathy & Jim Smith



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Click on the "Donate" button at the top of the page. This will link you to our Vanco donation tiles. Chose where your donation will be applied.

LET ME TAKE YOUR PHOTO! If you are attending St. Luke's United Methodist Church, we would like to have you in our Photo Directory. We include visitors as well as members! Please see Pat Simmons to arrange a time to have your photo taken. It only takes a minute of your time!



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. LUKE'S – you may pickup an "Invitation to Membership" form (located behind the last pew) or on the bulletin board. You can also email patsimmonsperdue@gmail.com for a copy. Fill it out, bring it back and someone will get in touch with you.

If you cannot come to church, we Thank You for "mailing" your donations to:

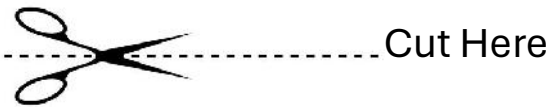
**St. Luke's UMC
PO Box 2779
Bluffton SC 29910**



Palm Crosses—It has been a tradition to hand out small Palm Crosses to pin on your dress/jacket on Palm Sunday. A class is being offered to learn how to make these crosses. If you are interested, please come to the Fellowship Hall on March 23rd at 10:00 AM. All materials will be supplied. Questions, contact Pat Simmons , patsimmonsperdue@gmail.com or 843.384.9739.

To get a head start... click on this link and watch a short video on how to make the crosses.

Palm Leaf Cross instructions
https://youtu.be/znDyR8_POCU



If you would like to place a lily this Easter in honor or memory of someone, please complete this form and return it to Lois Willig, place it in box in Fellowship Hall, or in the offering plate.

Your name: _____ How many plants? _____

In **Honor** of: _____

Or

In **Memory** of: _____

The lilies will be \$15.00 each. If you are paying with a check, please make it payable to St. Luke's UMC with "Flower Fund" on the memo line. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 17th. Please check one of the following:

I will take my lily home after the Easter service _____

Please donate my lily to a shut in _____

For questions, please contact Lois Willig, 843.304.1086.

